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A TALE OF RED ROSES

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STORIES ETC.



Sludge goes after cupid with the clinched fist of the big boss.
And what can he do to thwart such a determined suitor?
No author except a genius like George Randolph Chester could have
written such a masterpiece of humor and audacity

The Story will soon appear in this Newspaper

WORK BEGINS ON TWO FINE, NEW ARMORIES.

National Guard Buildings at Deming
and Carlsbad To Have Every
Modern Improvement.

Deming, N. M., Jan. 10.—The work of excavating for the foundations of the Deming National Guard Armory, which was started last week, is practically completed. Concrete pouring will start Wednesday, and from that time on the work will be hurried forward as fast as possible, in order that the armory may be turned over to the board by the first of May, as called for in the contract.

When completed and furnished, the Deming armory will be one of the finest buildings in town. Every advantage will be offered the men of Company I in their new home. Reading room, card rooms, bath, running tracks, indoor rifle range, pool tables and bowling alleys will be provided and the work of the company will be short courses of study for those of the men who wish to enter seriously into the military side of the work.

WORK BEGINS ON \$20,000 ARMORY AT CARLSBAD.

Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 10.—Work has started on the armory for Company B, of the National Guard of New Mexico. The building, when fully completed, will represent a cost of nearly \$20,000. Wallace and Pond are the contractors,

and the architect is C. P. Ward of Roswell.

The building will rest on a foundation of reinforced concrete to grade. From the foundation it will be built of hollow tile, with pebble-dash exterior. It will consist of a basement, second the various club and company rooms and a rifle range will be placed; a main floor auditorium with a capacity of a thousand people, and club rooms on the top floor. A gallery was to hang over the auditorium, suspended from trusses from the roof, but this has been omitted from the original plan.

WIND DOES GREAT DAMAGE IN CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 10.—Advices from Springer, N. M., today report thousands of dollars worth of damage done yesterday by a wind of almost cyclonic velocity at Cimarron, Colfax county. The brick public school building, Western Union telegraph office and numerous other buildings were demolished and wire communication interrupted. No lives were lost so far as can be learned.

LOTS FOR SALE.

The two choice lots opposite the Methodist church on the north, formerly owned by the late John Byrne are for sale at a sacrifice. Any one desiring a couple of fine corner lots can purchase them on time or for cash by applying at the Current office.

EX-GOVERNOR MILLS DEAD.

Prominent for Years in New Mexico Affairs and Last Territorial Governor.

Santa Fe Eagle.
Ex-governor William J. Mills died at his home at Las Vegas on Christmas eve, after an illness of some time. He was New Mexico's last Territorial governor and was also chief justice of the New Mexico supreme court for many years.

Governor Mills had played a prominent part in New Mexico political and civil history since coming to the territory twenty-five years ago, and was always a strong character in the territory and state. He was appointed to the supreme bench by President McKinley in 1897 and held that position until appointed Territorial Governor by President Taft in 1909. He was the last Governor of the territory, being succeeded by Governor McDonald in 1912 when New Mexico became a state. He was also a candidate for United States Senator at the time senator Fall was named, his retirement from the race breaking a deadlock of six weeks in the New Mexico legislature.

He is survived by a wife, a son and daughter, who have the sympathy of the entire state in their sad bereavement.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from St. Paul's Episcopal church in that city of which the deceased had been senior warden since the organization of the church into a parish.

WIFE OF POSTMASTER AT ROY BURNS TO DEATH.

Unfortunate Woman Dies of Injuries Received From Starting Fire With Kerosene.

Springer, N. M., Jan. 10.—Mrs. W. G. Johnson, wife of the Roy postmaster, died at her home in Roy at 8 o'clock Saturday night from burns received early that morning. Mrs. Johnson awakened at a later hour than usual and in her haste to prepare the morning meal threw a quantity of kerosene on the smoldering fire in the kitchen stove. The oil exploded, setting fire to her clothing, and before anyone came to her assistance the woman was terribly burned about the body and arms.

The deceased is survived by her husband and two little sons. The funeral was held at Roy this afternoon.

MONUMENT-TELEPHONE LINE.

Parties desiring to place Knowles, please call Lusk ranch to be certain to reach Knowles over this line upon which no charge for overtime is allowed.

Your application for final proof made out free of charge at this office. Bring all your filing papers.

MUST SQUEEZE WATER OUT OF STATES LAND VALUES.

Land Shark Must be Banished as Public Enemy, Says Speaker at Farmer's Congress who Sounds Sharp Warning About Unsatisfactory Condition of Agriculture, Especially in Irrigated Districts.

State College, January 5.—Cassandra-like was the warning sounded by R. S. Trumbull, of the El Paso and Southwestern railway in addressing the New Mexico Farmers' Congress. "The present conditions of agriculture in the Southwest are, in many respects far from satisfactory. I speak especially of the irrigated districts," he said, and immediately his auditors sat up with a start and paid close attention. Mr. Trumbull continued: "A large majority of the settlers who came to the Southwest during the past few years have made financial failures. Land agents and speculators have exploited the land-seekers in a most ruthless manner and with a free hand. If anybody opposed their methods he was promptly accused of being a knocker and of interfering with agricultural progress. Conditions have been going from bad to worse and they will continue in that direction for some time yet if you don't remedy the situation." By that time Mr. Trumbull had the closest attention of every one and he gave it to the land speculator good and plenty, but also to all of those agencies which get the land-seeker into the state and then abandon him to his fate, showing clearly, that the chamber of commerce that helps the people of the community to raise products and market them is doing more for it than by advertising to catch more suckers. He described the course of the "Back to the Land" movement. "A general but mistaken feeling developed that too large a proportion of our population was drifting to the cities and that the movement should be checked. The drifting to the cities was but the normal working out of certain economic forces, among which I might mention the increasing cost of farm labor; the development of agricultural machinery which replaced much farm labor; and the rapid development of our other industries."

Mr. Trumbull's time was up, but the congress urged him to continue. "The law of supply and demand regulates the price of land as well as the price of eggs or any other commodity. Land prices have been based in part on the returns of the pioneers, and in part on what the land agents made the buyers believe they could sell for five years later. Soon the supply of perishable crops exceeded the local demands and different districts began competing for outside business, the profits fell, and in the majority of cases disappeared." He continued: "Under present conditions and present land prices, I don't believe we can hope to sell any considerable amount of these irrigable lands. We are getting practically no immigration, excepting in the dry farming districts in the northeastern part of the state and on the cheap state lands. Land is now selling more readily east of the Ohio river than in any part of the west." Quoting General Colonization Agent C. L. Seagraves, of the Santa Fe, he said: "There are some commercial organizations who are very busy regulating the railroads and watered stocks, but never a resolution about watered land values; that is a horse of another color. If the water was squeezed out of land values, it would be enough to fill all the rivers bankfull the year round, making irrigation projects unnecessary."

Mr. Trumbull suggested the remedy: "We must see that the farmers follow a system that will fit, not only the soil and climatic conditions, but will also fit the market conditions, and it is there that the Agricultural college is of such great service to the commonwealth." Then he spoke of the necessity of a rural credit system and financial aid to the bona fide farmer. "On the success of the individual farmers depends the success of entire projects; on their success depends your salvation, Mr. Speculator. Farmers who are tempted to pay exorbitant prices for lands are usually not the shrewd, intelligent, far-sighted farmers that are the most desirable; those deceptive tactics automatically operate to keep out the class of farmers who are capable of obtaining the best results on our lands. I am firmly of the opinion that in our valleys the 40-acre farm will prove too small as the average unit. All pioneering is practically done by men of small means, say \$1,000 to \$5,000. We must banish the land shark as a public enemy; we must see to it that the prospective settler is not misinformed about the natural conditions, markets, crops and the necessary capital required. The success of our agriculture does not depend upon the amount of advertising we can do now. It does not depend upon the activity of the land agent or speculator who adds nothing to the value of the land; it depends on the success of the individual farmer."

One count of the indictment against the defendants was dismissed at the request of the government prosecutor as he introduced the case. This count was leveled at the alleged publication of an advertisement as to where might be procured a book said to bear the title:

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1 oz. of castor oil. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

EDDY GROVE CAMP W. O. W.

Meets first Thursday night each month at W. O. W. Hall. Visiting sovereigns and members urged to attend. A. R. O'QUINN, Clerk. J. W. IRBY, C. C.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Notice is hereby given that the tax-assessor of Eddy county will be in the following places on the dates mentioned below:

Malaga, January 10.
Loving, January 11 and 12.
Lakewood, January 13 and 14.
Dayton, January 15.
Hopsa, January 17, 18, 19, 20.
Artesia, January 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.
Failure to render property will subject the same to penalty of 20 percent. Property owners and agents are requested to meet the assessor on the dates mentioned.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PECOS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION:
You are hereby notified that the annual election of the Pecos Water Users Association will be held at the office of the association in the town

THE MENACE IS FACING TRIAL.

Editors of Great Anti-Catholic Paper Begin Answer to a Grave Charge at Joplin.

ALLEGED TO HAVE SENT OB- SCENE MATTER IN MAIL.

Among Other Things, They Referred to the Pope of Rome as "The Chief of White Slavery."

Joplin, Mo., Jan. 11.—Charged with sending obscene literature through the mails, four men alleged to have been connected with the Menace Publishing company of Aurora, Mo., publishers of the Menace, a weekly newspaper, faced trial in federal court here today.

The defendants are Wilbur Phelps, Bruce M. Phelps, Theodore C. Walker and Marvin Brown. Each was indicted under eight counts.

Indictments were returned against the Menace Publishing company, a corporation having its offices in Aurora, Mo., and Wilbur Phelps, Bruce M. Phelps, Theodore C. Walker, and Marvin Brown, alleged to be connected with the corporation, by a federal grand jury sitting at Joplin on January 13, 1915. The indictments, which were in eight counts charged generally violation of that section of the United States penal code prohibiting "the deposit or causing to be deposited for mailing or delivery any obscene lewd or filthy books, letters, writing, print or other publication of indecent character."

Six counts in the indictments were leveled at items alleged to have been printed in the Menace, a weekly publication alleged to have been distributed through the United States mails by the Menace Publishing company, and alleged to have come within the scope of the statutes. The seventh count was leveled at certain passages in a book entitled "The Pope, Chief of White Slavery; High Priest of Intrigue," of which the defendants were charged with being the distributors. The other count charged the sending of information through the mails as to where the book might be obtained.

The trial of the case was continued at the June 1915, term of court upon application of attorneys for the defense on the ground of the illness of a relative of one of the defendants. More recently attorneys for the defense filed a demurrer and a motion to quash the indictments, together with a lengthy brief in support, contending that the charges contained in the indictment do not constitute an offense under the federal statutes. Judge A. S. VanValkenburg overruled the motion, leaving the question which the jury in the case must determine, largely one of fact.

Francis C. Wilson, United States district attorney for the western district of Missouri, who, together with Samuel O. Hargis, assistant, has been prosecuting the case, recently notified attorneys for the defense that the government expected to proceed with the trial on January 11.

Selection of a jury promised to be a slow procedure. Judge Arba S. VanValkenburg ruled that the mere fact that a prospective juror was a subscriber to the Menace would not disqualify him. This ruling denied a motion made by Francis M. Wilson, United States district attorney.

The newspaper, published by the Menace Publishing company, was referred to by the district attorney as being alleged to be unfriendly to the Catholic church. In examining the talesmen, Mr. Wilson declared it was the purpose of the government to ask judgment upon certain articles solely upon the question as to whether they violated the laws relating to the sending of obscene matter through the mails.

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of Carlsbad, New Mexico, on Tuesday, January 18th, 1916.

Said election will begin at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. and close at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M. On this day there will be elected One director from the Carlsbad District for a term of 3 years. One Director from the Otis district for a term of 3 years. One Director from the Loving District for a term of 3 years. And in addition there will be elected one director from the Loving District for the unexpired term of one year. One director from the Malaga District for the unexpired term of 2 years.

The vacancy in the Loving district will complete the appointed term of W. E. Rose and the vacancy of the Malaga District will complete the appointed term of J. A. Hartshorn.

The Judges of said election as appointed by the Board of Directors are C. P. Fardeus, Loving; Wm. Gerlach, Malaga; W. H. Merchant, La Huerta.

The clerks of said election as appointed are Henry Tipton, Otis; Walter Craft, Carlsbad.

SCOTT ETTER, Secretary.

31-Dec-3 Pecos Water Users Assn.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, Jan. 10, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that J. Stanislaus Stachowiak, of Carlsbad, N. M., who, on Sept. 25, 1909, made HD. E. Serial No. 020259, for W 1-2 NW 1-4; and W 1-2 SW 1-4, Section 21, Township 21-S, Range 37-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. R. O'Quinn, Probate Clerk of Eddy County, at Carlsbad, New Mexico, on Feb. 15, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Washington W. Simpson, Christopher C. Hutto, Henry H. Clark, John G. Smith, all of Carlsbad, N. M. EMMETT PATTON, Register.

Jan. 14-Feb. 11

NOTICE.

In the Probate Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.

No. 306.

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Burton, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that R. E. Milliger, Administrator of the estate of Charles Burton, deceased, having filed in this court his first and final report of his administration of said estate, and a petition for his discharge as administrator of said estate, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the court for the 6th day of March, 1916, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the court room of said court in the Court House at Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said report should not be settled and allowed and said administrator discharged.

R. E. HILLGER, Administrator.

Jan. 14-Feb 4

BOOT AND SHOE REPAIR SHOP

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